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ASK FEDERAL AID TO HELP UNEMPLOYED

City Council Requests \$2400 Allotment of State R. F. C. Fund

A request for \$2400 of Reconstruction Finance Corporation funds for the relief of unemployed in Torrance was made in a resolution adopted at a special meeting of the Torrance city council Tuesday afternoon this week.

Mayor Klusman explained that the million dollar federal appropriation for unemployed relief in the state would be spent by five counties, of which Los Angeles is one, and that the resolution adopted by the city council was required in order that Torrance may get a share of the federal money.

BROTHER OF HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS DIES

The death of Hal Jones of Los Angeles, who is a brother of the Misses Eva and Marguerite Jones, teachers at Torrance high school, occurred at a San Fernando hospital last week.

Fifty-eight Elementary Pupils Will Enter Junior High School

Fifty-eight members of the Torrance elementary A-6 class will leave the lower grade to become members of the junior high school when commencement exercises for the graduates are held tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock.

An attractive program will be carried out, which is as follows: Selections, by the orchestra. "Broncho Boy" and "Rollin' Along," by the Boys' Glee Club.

Piano solo, "Fragrant Flowers," Marian Spehger. "Smiles and Flowers" and "The Road to Happiness" by a double trio, Barbara Hall, Bobby Tolson, Patty Post, Myrtle Howard, Donna Jo McCutcheon, Sherwood Barkdull.

"Fleecy Clouds" and "Come Join the Dance," Girls' Glee Club. Award of American Legion Medal.

Presentation of A-6 class to Principal A. G. Waidelich of the Torrance high school, by Principal Wm. G. Bell, Jr.

Acceptance, by Mr. Waidelich. The 28 girls and 30 boys who make up the graduating class are: May Bechtel, Geraldine Bradford, Elizabeth Bucher, Jane Chandler, Muriel Darling, Sachiko Hamano, Martha Hoke, Merle McHenry, Robina McLaren, Inez Niccolini, Atsuyo Sapanoto, Virginia Brandon, Lillian Clark, Bette Collins, Virginia Crandell.

Barbara Hall, Lucille Jackson, Grace Lanz, Lorena Long, Donna McCutcheon, Ruth Norman, Patty Post, Marian Spehger, Georgina Tiffany, Elsie Mae Tolson, Carmen Torres, Betty Wright, Lois Zanon.

Raymond Richhart, Emil Schimnick, Robert Smith, Billy Ansdick, Frank Carr, Walter Marek, John McDonald, Billy McGintins, Jim McMullen, Feruccio Rossi, Charles Schultz, Reggie Smith, Bobbie Tolson, J. B. Wallace and three Waugh.

Beach Resigns As Manager of Veterans Relief

Meeting to Elect Successor Will Be Held Tonight

Resignation of H. W. Beach, who has been a member of the executive board and manager of the Veterans' Relief Association in Torrance for several months past, was presented to that organization under date of January 30. Mr. Beach in his letter of resignation declares that "health does not permit me to carry on with the long hours and exacting efforts the work requires."

The news of Beach's decision to retire from active management was heard with regret by everyone connected with the organization to which he has given unstinted time, thought and effort to further its success.

Mrs. Jessie Suttle, who has been acting manager since Mr. Beach took a leave of absence a short time ago on account of his health, will continue to act until a successor to Mr. Beach is elected. A meeting to take up this and other matters of importance to the association will be held at the city hall tonight.

During the past week, arrangements have been made by the local organization to obtain a share of the milk which is being furnished through the county food administration by the Independent Milk Dealers' Association. The Torrance group is being supplied with 60 gallons of milk daily, including Saturday and Sunday, and also obtains the supply for the New Haven village of 10 gallons and the Harbor City supply of 30 gallons which is redistributed to these units.

A revised list of unemployed registered at the headquarters now shows 310 names of active workers, from Torrance alone. A separate list of those who live outside of Torrance but who have been taken care of here because of their close alliance with the local group is being made up.

Evening Services at Christ Church Begin Next Sunday

A beautiful and dramatic service will be held at Christ Episcopal church Sunday evening at 7:30. Evensong and sermon by the vicar, Rev. F. Murray Clayton, on "Christ, the Light of the World." The services will be closed with a candle light service.

The church will be plunged into darkness save for one burning candle on the altar, symbolizing "Christ, the Light of the World," from this burning taper light will be carried to the choir and to every member of the congregation. The candles will be given to the congregation before the services.

After all the candles have been lighted the service will close with the singing of the Doxology. All members and friends of the church are invited to attend. The Sunday evening services will continue until midsummer.

Frank A. Cogswell Passes Away Monday

Frank A. Cogswell, 68, a native of French Lake, New Brunswick, Canada, who has resided near Torrance for the past eight years, died at his home, 2197 Center street, on Monday, January 30. Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from Stone & Myers chapel, followed by cremation.

Mr. Cogswell is survived by his widow, Mrs. Louisa Alberta Cogswell; four daughters, Mrs. Ethel Knorr of Torrance Park, Mrs. Helen Gorlick, Mrs. Gertrude Wood and Mrs. Esther Anderson of New Brunswick, Canada, and three sons, Fred D. Cogswell of Torrance, James Cogswell of Carlsbad and Gustave Cogswell of Vancouver, British Columbia.

CHANGE NAME OF STREET "Frampton street" is the new name of "Frampton avenue," in the area east of Lomita. An order changing the name was adopted by the board of supervisors this week, on recommendation of the county road commissioner.

GOES TO SENATE



Pat McCarren, elected from the wide open spaces of Nevada, who goes to Washington to succeed the veteran Senator Tasker Oddie in the new Congress.

GRADUATION TONIGHT

An unfortunate error in the story of the mid-winter commencement at Torrance high school in last week's Herald placed that event on Friday, February 3.

Commencement exercises are to be held TONIGHT at 8 o'clock at the high school auditorium.

Junior High Graduates Are Given Diplomas

Class of 46 Promoted to Upper Grades; Exercises Yesterday

Commencement exercises for the graduating class of the Torrance junior high school were held at 1:10 p. m. Wednesday, in the high school auditorium.

Forty-six graduates received their diplomas, signifying their promotion to the senior high school.

Miss Aggie Lou Rippy opened the program with a brief introductory speech, which was followed by selections, "Roses in Madrid," and "Rockin' Time," by the Junior Girls' Glee Club.

Other numbers on the program were "Success" by Agnes Peet; "Yale in E-Flat" by Martha Bates; "The Better Way" by Clifford Blackman; "The Trumpeter" by George Isabel, accompanied by Jacqueline Price; an oration by Ardis Miller; "The Waters of Minnetonka" by Jacqueline Price; "He Who Serves" by Julia Schipper.

Principal Arthur G. Waidelich awarded the diplomas.

Those who received the certificates were Frank Austin, Carroll Bender, Clifford Blackman, Edward Eck, Bobby Elder, John Hall, Hitoshi Hatada, Dick Hatten.

George Isabel, Jack Javens, Tokashi Kiyomura, Hubert Luck, Harry Richhart, William Robinson, Max Smith, Melvin Smith, Tom Smith, Alex Sopchinsky, Stochia Suminaga, Talmadge Ulrich, Truman Waugh.

Betty Adams, Elonda Agapito, Martha Bates, Edith Bay, Jane Burkett, Frankie Cook, Louise Faglia, Edith Gorky, Esther Hall, Erma Herring, Margaret Kibbe, Mildred Lukes, Mildred McMullen, Ardis Miller, Agnes Peet.

Jacqueline Price, Aggie Lou Rippy, Julia Schipper, Edith Slippy, Fern Smith, Marie Smith, Hazel Thompson, Alta West, Lois Williams, and Betty Yost.

R. F. C. Approves Loan To County

Announcement that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation had approved a welfare loan sought by the board of supervisors in order to continue aiding needy families in Torrance and other cities was received joyously at the Hall of Records.

Frank Dalton and E. C. Nelson Are Chosen Directors of First National

Frank Dalton and E. C. Nelson have been chosen directors of the First National Bank of Torrance, it was announced this week by J. W. Post, president, following a meeting of stockholders called to fill the vacancy on the bank's board caused by the death of Mrs. Laura Post.

Mr. Dalton and his partner, J. W. McQuaid, own and operate the D & M Machine Works in Torrance, which is considered one of the most successful industries in the harbor district. Ever since its modest beginning in 1925, the D & M has shown a substantial increase in business every year. Last year, when most industrial plants were experiencing losses, the D & M forged ahead to increased production and greater profits.

E. C. Nelson, the other new director of First National, is president of the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company. However, except for the time he has headed the local water company, Nelson has devoted his entire lifetime to banking. About a year ago, Nelson resigned as cashier of the First National to accept the presidency of the water company.

In commenting upon the new directors, J. W. Post, president, said, "I am extremely pleased that Mr. Dalton and Mr. Nelson have accepted positions on the board, as I believe their wide experiences will be helpful and will tend to broaden the scope of the bank's activities and its service to the community."

Other directors of the bank are J. W. Post, president; George W. Neill, vice-president; Dr. J. S. Lancaster and Torrance Welch, R. J. Deininger is cashier and W. E. Schifck, assistant cashier.

New Boundary Lines Include Wide Territory For Fern School

When the new school semester begins next Monday, February 6, all children of the elementary grades up to and including the A-6 grade who reside within the new boundaries laid out for the Fern avenue school, will be expected to attend that school, announces Principal Guy Holliday.

"With the exception of the present B-4 grade, which after next Monday will become the A-4 grade, all pupils residing in the new boundaries will be enrolled at Fern avenue," says Mr. Holliday. "As a concession to the members of the new A-6 class who are now attending the Torrance elementary school, who are engaged in student body activities in that school, and who wish to maintain their class associations and graduate from Torrance elementary this year, those pupils have been given the privilege of choice. They may remain at the Torrance elementary or they may enter Fern avenue. I have notified these pupils of their privilege, and so far I have received replies from about ten who say they have decided to transfer to the new school."

The new boundaries as laid down by the board of education extend by the district of the Fern avenue school over more territory.

Beginning at the intersection of Sepulveda boulevard with Madrid avenue, the line runs north to Sierra, east on Sierra to Arlington, along Arlington northeast and north to Knox street extended, west to Redondo street extended, (Knox street ending at Western avenue and Redondo ending at 190th street are not cut through into the property of the Dominguez Estates and the General Petroleum).

The line then goes north on Redondo to Dominguez street from which point it follows the boundary of the city of Torrance west along south to Sepulveda boulevard, and east along that street to Madrid.

All pupils of kindergarten or elementary school age up to the A-6 grade, who reside within this territory, are now required to attend the Fern avenue school.

The kindergarten department now has an enrollment of 26 pupils. More are expected as soon as the new semester opens. The age at which pupils may be entered in kindergarten is four years and three months. This is the minimum age requirement. Pupils may be entered in the first elementary grade at the age of five years and nine months.

The new school, which has been day of the city and is attractively equipped in all departments. The kindergarten rooms are most intriguing because of the equipment which has been fashioned to fit the needs of the little people, even to the cabinets and sink, drinking fountain, low tables and comfortable little chairs.

Two new teachers may be added to the staff, if Mr. Holliday's request for their assignment is granted. The teachers now on duty are Principal Guy Holliday, Miss Etta Mowry, Miss Margaret Hollenback, Mrs. Sabra Botkin, Mrs. Elizabeth McCampbell, in the grades, and Miss Christine Carlson, kindergarten.

Crime Costs \$1.96 Per Person SACRAMENTO, Calif.—(U.P.)—The per capita cost of crime in California is \$1.96, according to a recent report of the state crime problems committee.

RAINFALL

At Lomita, for the period ending January 30, 2.15 inches; total for the season, 11.27; last year's total to the same date, 10.30.
At Torrance, 1.63 inches; for the season, 9.33; total for last year, same date, 9.71.

High Percentage Torrance Tax Bill Collected

First Installment Includes More Than Half of Total

First installment tax collections for the city of Torrance were \$96,484.80, or 65.93 per cent, it was revealed today by J. M. Lowery, chief clerk of the accounting division of the county auditor's office. Total amount to be collected for this city in municipal taxes was given as \$146,345.99.

This is well above the percentage of municipal taxes collected for Los Angeles and eight other cities of the county, a check revealed today. Just what portion of this was personal property and what part first or second installment taxes was not revealed.

Lowery stated that some persons paid their entire tax bill in one installment—believe it or not! Figures for the other nine cities quoted for comparison are as follows: Bell, 44.29 per cent; Beverly Hills, 51.39 per cent; Compton, 41.78 per cent; Gardena, 44.50 per cent; Glendale, 46.25 per cent; Inglewood, 45.98 per cent; Los Angeles, 49.83 per cent; Maywood, 44.48 per cent, and San Fernando, 48.78 per cent.

DEMOCRATS ATTENTION!

At a meeting of a few of the leading Democrats of Torrance, held at Earl's Cafe last night, arrangements were made to hold an organization meeting, which will be held Friday, February 10, at 8 p. m. at Earl's to establish the Torrance Democratic Club.

George Shidder is making arrangements for a speaker. Officers will be elected on this date, and a permanent organization effected. All Torrance Democrats are invited to attend.

Los Angeles Dentist Is Given Stiff Fine

C. R. Evans, Los Angeles dentist, who was arrested in Torrance last month on charges of drunk driving which were afterwards reduced to a reckless driving charge, appeared in the city police court Wednesday to answer to the complaint.

Evans was found guilty and given a sentence of \$250 or 150 days in jail, of which \$150 or 75 days was suspended for one year. His operator's license was also suspended.

Evans was given a few days to raise the money to pay his fine, in default of which he will be remanded to jail.

Car Overtakes In Palos Verdes Hills Yachtsman Is Killed

Leo Hayes-Hoover, 26, 732 McDonald street, Wilmington, was killed Friday night when his car left the road in the Palos Verdes hills, two miles south of Lomita, and rolled down a 60-foot embankment. Hoover's wife, Mrs. Dorothy Hoover, and a friend, Gordon Casper of San Pedro, were slightly injured.

Hoover's body was taken to Stone & Myers mortuary in Torrance. A. S. Queen and C. B. Wiswell, sailors, discovered the wreck and took Mrs. Hoover to Casper to a hospital. The dead man was first engineer on the yacht, Bonhomme, in port at San Pedro.

CAR TURNS OVER

Paul J. Shell escaped with minor injuries when a front wheel came off his roadster Saturday night, causing the car to turn over five times. The accident occurred east of Compton while the young man was returning to Norwalk after attending the wedding of his sister, Mrs. A. S. Shoberg, at Burbank.

Boy Scout Week To Be Observed

Troops in Torrance Take Part in Nation-wide Affair

Beginning Monday, February 6, a series of events in which Torrance Scouts will take a prominent part, has been scheduled, in observance of National Boy Scout Week.

On Monday the Kiwanis Club will entertain Troop 4 which it sponsors. E. P. DeGroot, chief executive of the Los Angeles council, will be the speaker.

On Tuesday, the Scouters banquet in Los Angeles will attract a large delegation from all over the district. Torrance representatives will be R. W. Morgan, chairman of Troop 2; Frank Buffington, chairman of Troop 3; R. H. Lewellen, chairman of Troop 4; W. T. Jones, district commissioner.

At this affair the Hoover award will be made, in competition for which Torrance Troops are 100 per cent.

On Thursday, February 9, the Rotary will entertain Troop No. 3. On Friday, February 10, there will be a rally at the American Legion hall, and on Saturday boys of the various troops will be inducted in various offices to become chief for the day of a number of city departments, and others will take over the management of local stores.

The day will close with a big parade at 7 o'clock. On Sunday the Scouts will attend the churches and the theatre.

PRELIMINARY HEARING FREES ONE DEFENDANT

At their preliminary hearings, held Friday afternoon in the local justice court, charges against W. R. Thompson, accused of a statutory offense in the "lovenest" case, were dismissed. Clarence Carter, of Wilmington, defendant on a similar charge was held to answer in the superior court.

New Petitions To Be Presented To Supervisors

Six Months Delay Granted Project Under Old Assessment Plan

LOMITA—Under the leadership of the Voters' League, petitions are being circulated in Lomita and Harbor City to be presented to the board of supervisors on February 7, to secure the completion of Lomita boulevard through these two communities as a county project to be paid for out of gasoline tax money.

The petitions make it clear to the signers that the sponsors are not seeking to burden the property owners with assessments, but that the roadway is to be completed without cost to the owners, except their contribution of a certain amount of their property by deed to widen the thoroughfare.

Construction of sidewalks will necessarily be at the expense of the property owners, but the construction of these improvements will not be made until such time as the owners feel that they are necessary.

All those who are interested in obtaining the improvement of the highway are asked to sign the petitions. Two men will be at the intersection of Narbonne and Lomita boulevard all day Saturday, February 4, to obtain signatures.

The decision of the board of supervisors at a recent date to postpone action on the opening and widening of Lomita boulevard for six months does not affect the circulation of these petitions. The decision applies to the completion of the boulevard under the terms of the original proposition when Lomita boulevard was to have been completed as an assessment proposition at the expense of the property owners. Opposition which developed secured a delay of one year in the matter. The year has now expired, and a further protest was presented to the board to secure a new postponement of six months in order to gain time to present petitions to have the work done as a cash job out of gasoline tax money.

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The executive board of the Los Angeles district of the California Federation of Women's Clubs, as well as many other citizens of the state of California, is beginning to realize the effect the drastic curtailment of school opportunities which has been proposed by certain public groups in the interest of the disbanding information for the guidance of the people in protecting their interests.

WORK BEGINS ON EXPANSION LOCAL PLANTS

C. C. M. O. and D & M Are Constructing New Buildings

The launching of building expansions by two Torrance industries since February 1st, has been reflected by a marked improvement among local building trades. A \$6000 building permit was taken out yesterday by the Chanlor-Canfield Midway Oil Company for the construction of a store building for the storage of equipment at the C. C. M. O. camp here. The new building is to be 76 feet by 125 feet and is to be constructed of corrugated iron.

D & M Expansion This morning work was begun on an addition to the D & M Machine Works plant on Artesano avenue, which will mean an investment of several thousand dollars. The new structure is to be approximately 30 feet by 50 feet, according to Frank Dalton, and will be used for the expansion of its rubber hose department.

Building Permits While building permits in Torrance for January fell far short of the \$452,300 total for December, last month's permits represented a 370 per cent increase over January, 1932. Totals were as follows: January, 1932, \$1110; January, 1933, \$3800. The excellent showing in December was occasioned largely by the big permit taken out by General Petroleum Corporation, which gave Torrance third position in the state and eleventh place in the nation. Neither the D & M or the C. C. M. O. permits were included in the January totals, both of these permits being taken out since the first of February.

Effect On Schools Of Proposed Laws To Reduce Taxes Discussed

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The telegram read, "We wish you to know that we uphold the public school system of California as an established American institution; that we believe that the public education of the child is essential to the continuance of our civilization and stability of government; that we will use our influence to support the laws which now exist to protect public education, and that we support you in your present educational program."

"Executive Board, Los Angeles District of California Federation of Women's Clubs."

Schools May Close Early Grave concern is felt by the Los Angeles board of education over three proposed constitutional amendments introduced by members of the state legislature affecting fixed charges for public schools. They point out that should the support of schools be cut down materially, it may mean the closing of schools long in advance of the time they regularly close, as well as curtailment of the school curricula.

Breed's Proposal Senator Breed's proposal to cut the state appropriation one-fifth, board members point out, will mean that the amount of money which is cut off from the state and county's share will have to be paid for by the local taxpayer. Further, there is in Senator Breed's proposal a plan to reduce

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